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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVED MAY 12 RELIEF ACT FOR AREA DAMAGED IN EARTHQUAKE. LAW BUDGETS 382 BILLION LIRE (DOLS 450 MILLION AT LIT 850 TO ONE DOLLAR) SPECIFICALLY AND OPEN ENDED COMMITMENTS WILL PROBABLY ADD ADDITIONAL 50 BILLION (DOLS 57 MILLION). OF TOTAL SUM 200 BILLION HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AS GOING TO REGIONAL FUND; A FURTHER 100 BILLION, DEVOTED TO INDUSTRY, WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE PROVINCES OF UDINE AND PORDENONE; THE REMAINDER, ADMINISTERED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, WILL BE USED FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN ADDITION TO 40 BILLION SPENT BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FOR AID TO VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE. PRINCIPAL CLAUSES OF LAW AS REPORTED BY PRESS FOLLOW.

2. SALARIED WORKERS OF AREA WILL QUALIFY FOR WAGE SUPPLEMENT FUND UP TO EIGHTY PERCENT OF SALARY.

3. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WILL BE RAISED FROM 800 TO 5000 LIRE PER DAY AND WILL BE PAID FOR 12 MONTHS TO ELIGIBLE WORKERS.

4. A ONE TIME BENEFIT OF 200 THOUSAND LIRE WILL BE PAID TO PENSIONERS RECEIVING MINIMUM INPS PENSIONS.

5. A SPECIAL ONE TIME PAYMENT OF 300,000 LIRE WILL BE MADE TO AUTONOMOUS WORKERS, I.E. THOSE HIRING OUT THEIR SERVICES RATHER THAN BEING ON SALARY, WHOSE ACTIVITIES WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

6. INHABITANTS OF THE AREA HURT, KILLED OR LOST WILL RECEIVE SAME BENEFITS AS WORKER INJURED AT HIS JOB UNDER LABOR LEGISLATION.

7. FIRMS PERMITTED SUSPEND PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS UNTIL DEC. 31 AND HALF OF CONTRIBUTIONS ARE CANCELLED.

8. AUTONOMOUS WORKERS WILL NOT HAVE TO MAKE SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY TO DECEMBER.

9. IN ADDITION EASY CREDITS AND OUTRIGHT GRANTS WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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MADE AVAILABLE FOR PLANT RECONSTRUCTION.

10. REGARDING HOUSING, 10,500 LODGINGS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED AND 12,500 SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. TOTAL DAMAGE, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AMOUNTS TO NOT LESS THAN 400 MILLION LIRE. FUNDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE.

1. ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND SERVICES (HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, ETC.) WILL BE REBUILT.

12. ALL FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF CLOTHING AND OTHER POSSESSIONS LOST IN THE EARTHQUAKE.

13. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN THE DISASTER AREA WILL RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO BALANCE THEIR BUDGETS.

14. IVA, LOCAL AND PERSONAL INCOME TAX DECLARATIONS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE PROVINCES OF UDINE, PORDENONE AND GORIZIA AS WELL AS FOR THOSE HELPING IN DISASTER RELIEF.

15. SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS FOR GRADUATION AND PROMOTION TO NEXT CLASS HAVE BEEN SIMPLIFIED.

16. ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE THAT INHABITANTS OF AREA CAN VOTE WILL BE MADE.

17. THOSE SUBJECT TO MILITARY DRAFT FROM AREA CAN FULFILL COMMITMENT THROUGH CIVIL SERVICE ON THE SPOT.

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